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Letter dated 12 January 2012 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to paragraph 34 of the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council dated 20 July 2000 (S/2000/718), expressing the intention to appoint a senior official to be based in Beirut to help coordinate United Nations activities in regard to Lebanon.

Following the usual consultations, I wish to inform the Council of my intention to appoint Derek Plumbly (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon, replacing Mr. Michael Williams.

Mr. Plumbly is a highly experienced diplomat who has held a number of senior posts in his foreign service, including posts dealing with the Middle East. He is also fluent in Arabic.

In his capacity as Special Coordinator, Mr. Plumbly will be my representative in Lebanon responsible for coordinating the work of the United Nations in the country. He will represent me on all political aspects of the United Nations work in Lebanon. Among other functions, the Special Coordinator will ensure that the activities of the country team are well coordinated with the Government of Lebanon, donors and international financial institutions in line with the objectives of the United Nations in Lebanon.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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